

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 879

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Kara M. Lawson to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-201, as amended by Chapter ____ of the Public Acts of 2018 (SB2260), provides for the governance of the University of Tennessee by the board of trustees; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, as amended by Chapter ____ of the Public Acts of 2018 (SB2260), provides that the governor shall appoint ten (10) members to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam has appointed Kara M. Lawson of Alexandria, Virginia, to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee to a term that commences July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Kara Lawson serves as a basketball analyst for ESPN and the Washington Wizards, where she is one of the first female national primary analysts for an NBA team; and

WHEREAS, during a highly successful career as a professional basketball player, Ms. Lawson became an Olympic gold medalist in 2008 and won a Women's National Basketball Association championship with the Sacramento Monarchs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lawson earned a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she was a standout Lady Vol basketball player coached by the late Pat Summitt and made three Final Four appearances; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Ms. Lawson received the Torchbearer Award, the highest student honor conferred by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, for academic achievement and outstanding commitment to others; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-9-202, as amended, provides that each member appointed by the governor to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee shall be confirmed by the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Kara M. Lawson to the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee for a term that commences July 1, 2018, and expires June 30, 2024.